

CAPTAIN MARVEL 8



GAGE
GAGE
ANKA
WILSON

**HONGKONG.
SATURDAY.**

ALPHA FLIGHT
I.D.'S IT AS **THE
TITAN**. A PREHISTORIC
ATLANTIC CREATURE.
USUAL HABITAT'S THE
MARIANA BASIN.

**Captain
Marvel.**

WRRAAA

Spectrum.

**Blue
Marvel.**

THERE'VE
BEEN NAVAL
MANEUVERS
AROUND THERE.
IT WAS PROBABLY
DISORIENTED
BY SONAR.

IT'S TURNING!
LET'S SEE IF WE CAN
HERD IT HOME WITHOUT
ANYONE GETTING HURT.
POOR THING'S PROBABLY
AN ENDANGERED
SPECIES.

**Ms.
America.**



**SYMKARIA.
TUESDAY.**

**The
Vision.**

I'LL
DISABLE THE
MADBOMB!

THE
NATIONAL
FORCE IS
MINE.

**Black
Panther.**

**Captain
America
(Steve
Rogers).**



**Spider-Man
(Miles
Morales).**

DID THAT
GUY JUST
DISSOLVE?

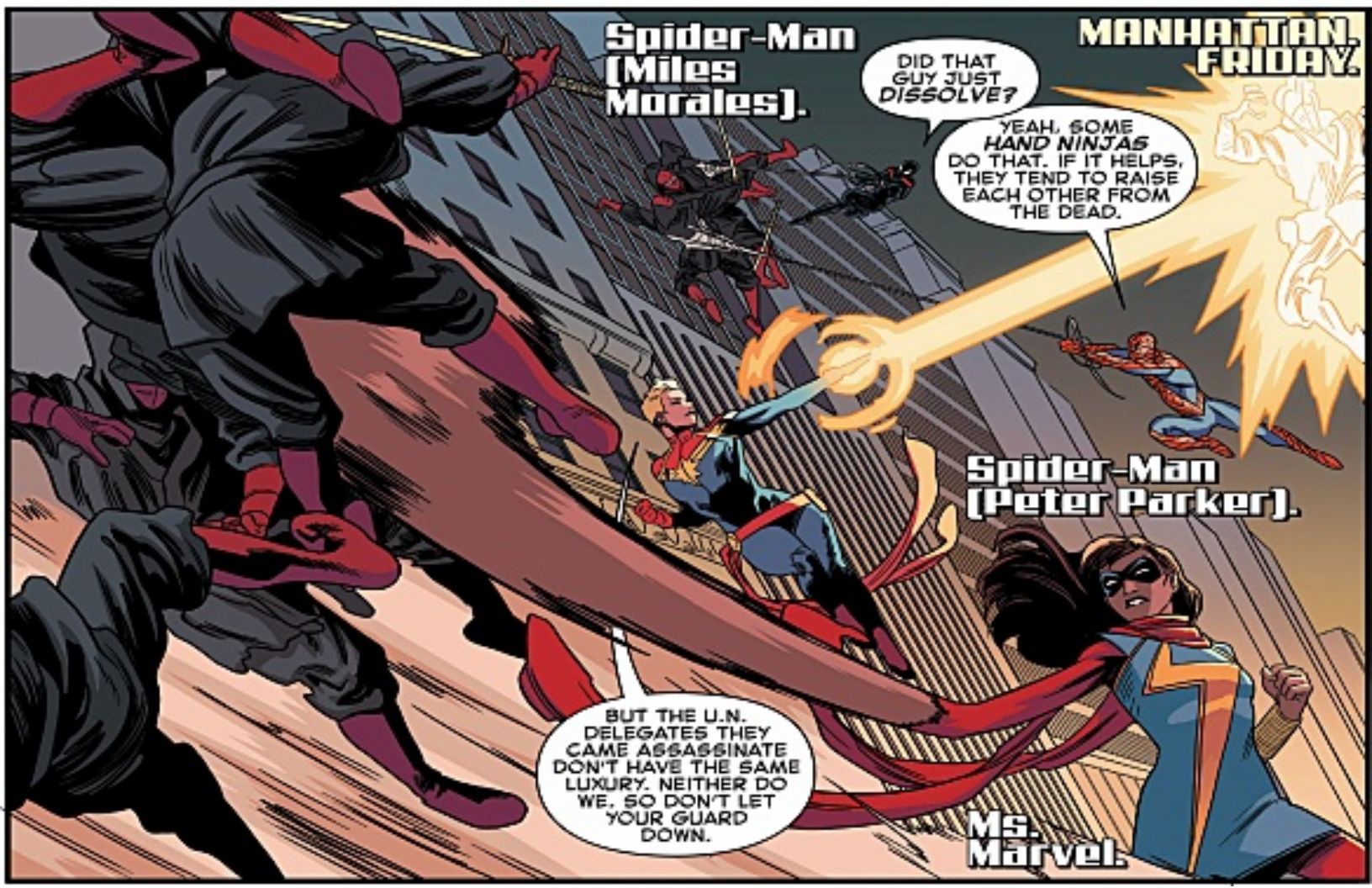
**MANHATTAN.
FRIDAY.**

YEAH, SOME
HAND NINJAS
DO THAT. IF IT HELPS,
THEY TEND TO RAISE
EACH OTHER FROM
THE DEAD.

**Spider-Man
(Peter Parker).**

BUT THE U.N.
DELEGATES THEY
CAME ASSASSINATE
DON'T HAVE THE SAME
LUXURY. NEITHER DO
WE. SO DON'T LET
YOUR GUARD
DOWN.

**Ms.
Marvel.**



CIVIL WAR II

CAPTAIN MARVEL

RECENTLY, CAPTAIN MARVEL WAS APPOINTED COMMANDER OF ALPHA FLIGHT SPACE STATION, AN INTERPLANETARY VENTURE CREATED TO BE EARTH'S FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE AGAINST INTERSTELLAR THREATS.

WHEN ULYSSES, A YOUNG INHUMAN WITH THE ABILITY TO FORESEE THE FUTURE, HAD A VISION OF THANOS ATTACKING THE PLANET, CAROL LEAD A TEAM OF HEROES TO HEAD IT OFF—BUT SUCCESS CAME AT A HIGH COST: THE LIFE OF COLONEL JAMES RHODES.

IN THE AFTERMATH, CAPTAIN MARVEL HAS BEEN DEPUTIZED TO LEAD A TEAM TO RESPOND TO THE THREATS REVEALED IN ULYSSES' VISIONS. BUT NOW, SHE MUST RECKON WITH THE DISTANCE BETWEEN SIMPLE PREDICTIONS AND THE COMPLICATED REALITY OF HOW THEY COME TO PASS...

LONELY AT THE TOP: PART 3

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**ALPHA FLIGHT
BOARD MEETING
ROOM.
MONDAY.**

ALL THREE INCIDENTS ULYSSES PREDICTED WERE SUCCESSFULLY AVERTED, PREVENTING MULTIPLE FATALITIES.

OUTSTANDING. JUST WHAT WE HOPED FOR FROM THE ULYSSES INITIATIVE.

**Philippe Beaulieu.
Canada.**

THERE HAVE BEEN... QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE GYMKARIANS AND CHINESE REGARDING OUR OPERATIONS IN THEIR COUNTRIES.

DON'T TELL ME THEY HAVE A PROBLEM WITH US SAVING THEIR SKINS.

**Henry Peter Gyrich.
United States.**

OF COURSE NOT. BUT THEY'D PREFER TO BE MORE INVOLVED WITH SITUATIONS INSIDE THEIR OWN BORDERS.

WE NOTIFIED THEIR GOVERNMENTS WE WERE INBOUND. ACCORDING TO PROTOCOL. DO THEY UNDERSTAND WE HAD TO ACT IMMEDIATELY?

YES. NO ONE IS COMPLAINING ABOUT US FIGHTING GIANT MONSTERS OR NEO-NAZIS. BUT THEY HAVE RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT OUR METHODS.

HOW ULYSSES' POWERS WORK. HOW WE KNOW THE VISIONS ARE ALWAYS CORRECT. WHETHER WE PLAN TO PUNISH PEOPLE FOR THINGS THEY MIGHT DO.

MANY OF THE SAME QUESTIONS BEING ASKED BY IRON MAN AND HIS ALLIES.

OTHER NATIONS WONDER WHY THE MAJORITY OF ULYSSES' VISIONS FOCUS ON NORTH AMERICA.

SO WE'RE BEING CONDEMNED FOR ACTING TOO SOON...AND NOT FAST ENOUGH?

ARE YOU REALLY WORRIED ABOUT THIS, T'CHALLA? THE ULTIMATES WERE FOUNDED TO DO EXACTLY WHAT THE ULYSSES INITIATIVE DOES.

THE ULTIMATES ADDRESS *COSMIC* THREATS. FORCES FAR BEYOND THE SCOPE OF CONVENTIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT.

WE ARE NOW SPEAKING OF GROUND-LEVEL SITUATIONS. IN SOVEREIGN NATIONS WITH THEIR OWN AUTHORITIES--

DON'T YOU THINK I'D PREFER THEY HANDLE THEIR PROBLEMS?

THIS ISSUE COULD BE MITIGATED IF ULYSSES' VISIONS WERE LESS...IMMINENT. HOW'S HIS TRAINING PROGRESSING?

WELL, BUT HIS VISIONS DON'T COME WITH GPS COORDINATES AND TIME STAMPS. IT'S CRUCIAL WE'RE ACCURATE ABOUT WHAT WE DO WHEN WE DO IT--

OF COURSE. I'M JUST SAYING, THE FASTER HE WORKS, THE MORE OPTIONS WE HAVE.

INCLUDING INVOLVING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, WHOSE JURISDICTION WE MUST RESPECT--

WHATEVER. SOME NUT GETS AN IDEA TO BOMB TIMES SQUARE. I WANT HIS DOOR SMASHED IN BEFORE HE STARTS MIXING THE CHEMICALS.

DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S US, THE NYPD, OR THE FEDS...WHAT COUNTS IS THAT THE PERPETRATOR GOES DOWN. GYRICH OUT.

SO. WE NEED TO TALK?

THE AEROLITH SPACE ELEVATOR.

I THOUGHT WE WERE ON THE SAME SIDE.

I HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR AN ENTIRE COUNTRY MOST OF MY LIFE. THIS IS THE ONLY "SIDE" I HAVE EVER KNOWN.

BUT I ALSO WATCHED A FRIEND KILL ANOTHER FRIEND... IN A CONFRONTATION THAT STEMMED FROM FOLLOWING ULYSSES' VISIONS.*

THAT WAS THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO!

HAWKEYE WENT ROGUE. DO YOU SERIOUSLY THINK I'D EVER CONDONE--

SEE CIVIL WAR II #3!

OF COURSE NOT. I'M MERELY OBSERVING THAT WHILE IT'S OUR DUTY TO PREVENT CRISES... WE MUST ALSO TAKE CARE THAT, IN THE PROCESS, WE AREN'T CAUSING THEM.

I COULDN'T AGREE MORE. WHICH IS WHY...

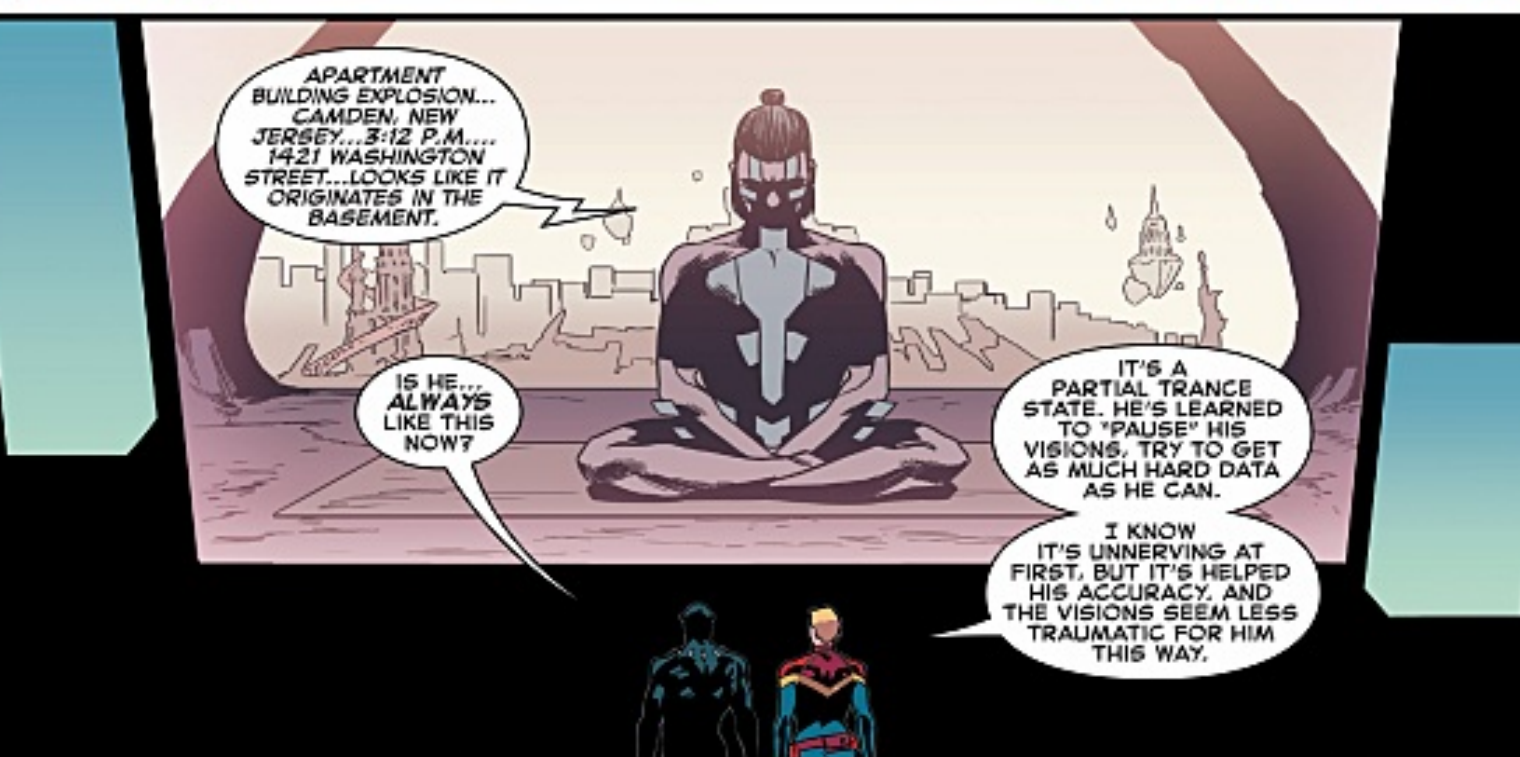
...THIS EXISTS. THE RAPID RESPONSE ROOM.

SPIDER-MAN, MS. MARVEL, AT EASE. THIS IS JUST A TOUR.

"AT EASE." I LOVE IT WHEN SHE USES ARMY TALK.

AIR FORCE! DO YOU EVEN CAROL CORPS, DUDE?

IT'S OPERATIONAL? THAT WAS FAST.



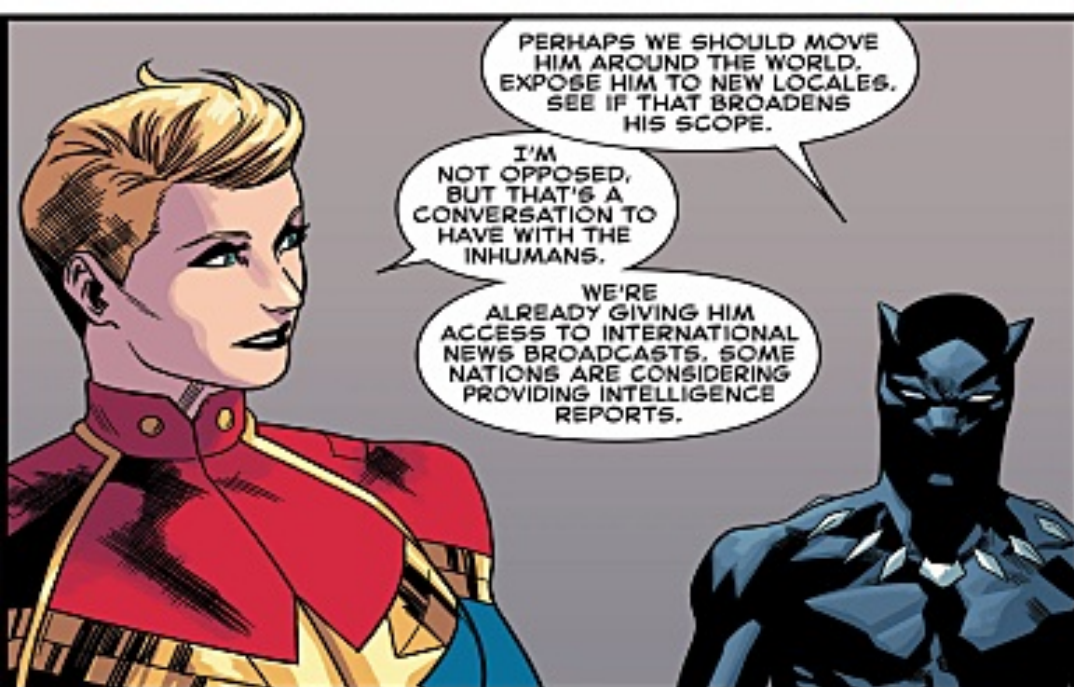
**FORTY
MINUTES
LATER.**



...AND THIS IS JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. WE'VE GOT LAWYERS, DIPLOMATS, PHYSICISTS, ETHICISTS...A WHOLE STAFF TO MAKE SURE WHAT WE DO GETS DONE RIGHT.

I SEE THAT. AND I APPLAUD IT. BUT I WONDER...

...ULYSSES' VISIONS DO SEEM LARGELY FOCUSED ON AMERICA, WHICH MAKES SENSE, IF YOU SUBSCRIBE TO THE THEORY THAT HE TAKES IN AMBIENT INFORMATION TO PREDICT OUTCOMES.



PERHAPS WE SHOULD MOVE HIM AROUND THE WORLD. EXPOSE HIM TO NEW LOCALES. SEE IF THAT BROADENS HIS SCOPE.

I'M NOT OPPOSED, BUT THAT'S A CONVERSATION TO HAVE WITH THE INHUMANS.

WE'RE ALREADY GIVING HIM ACCESS TO INTERNATIONAL NEWS BROADCASTS. SOME NATIONS ARE CONSIDERING PROVIDING INTELLIGENCE REPORTS.



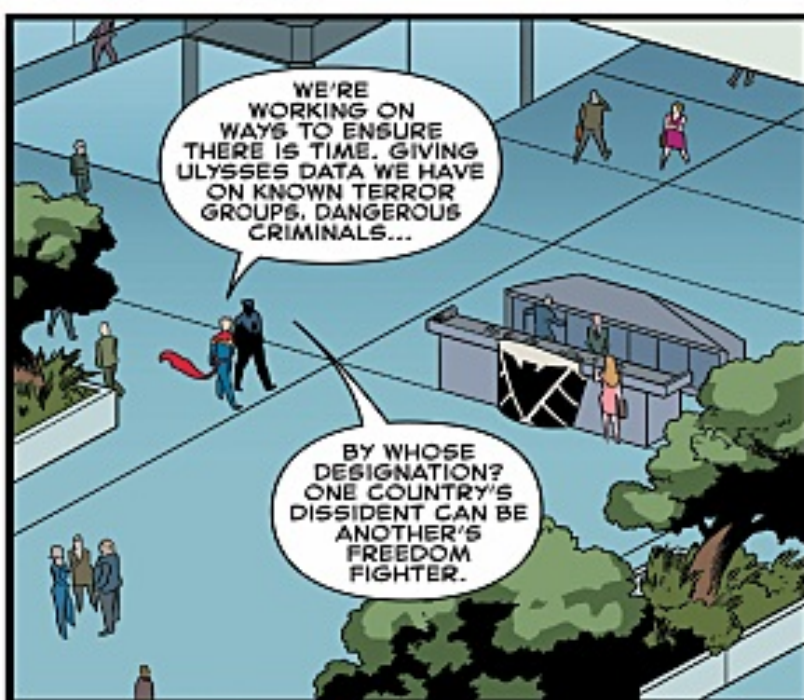
BUT YOU DO REALIZE WHAT THAT MEANS, CAROL?

IF ULYSSES' VISIONS ARE SHAPED BY THE INFORMATION HE TAKES IN, THAT INCLUDES ANY ERRORS AND BIASES.



THAT'S WHY THIS IS HERE. SO WE CAN VET WHAT HE TELLS US WITH OBJECTIVE FACTS. SATELLITES, ENERGY SCANNERS, A.I.-DRIVEN DATABASE SEARCHES...

IF THERE'S TIME.



WE'RE WORKING ON WAYS TO ENSURE THERE IS TIME. GIVING ULYSSES DATA WE HAVE ON KNOWN TERROR GROUPS, DANGEROUS CRIMINALS...

BY WHOSE DESIGNATION? ONE COUNTRY'S DISSIDENT CAN BE ANOTHER'S FREEDOM FIGHTER.

OKAY, LOOK. I KNOW "PROFILING" IS A LOADED WORD, BUT WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT JUDGING PEOPLE ON RACE, RELIGION, ETHNICITY OR POLITICS, JUST WHAT THEY DO.

YOU STREAM A FEW HYDRA RECRUITING VIDEOS? MAYBE YOU'VE EARNED YOUR WAY ONTO A WATCH LIST.

I SUPPOSE BRUCE BANNER EARNED HIS WAY ONTO SUCH LISTS.

AND EVERYTHING I'M DOING HERE IS TO MAKE SURE WHAT HAPPENED WITH BRUCE NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN.

WOW, WHAT A MESS. THE SUPER WAS RUNNING A HOMEMADE GAS LINE TO AN ILLEGALLY SUB-DIVIDED APARTMENT. CODE VIOLATIONS EVERYWHERE IN THAT PLACE.

THE INSPECTOR SAID IT WAS A DISASTER WAITING TO HAPPEN. THERE WERE LITTLE KIDS LIVING THERE...

AND NOW THEY GET THE CHANCE TO GROW UP. GREAT JOB, GUYS. THIS IS WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO.

WOULDN'T YOU AGREE, T'CHALLA?

I WOULD.

MAY ALL OUR MISSIONS GO AS WELL.

**THE CELLAR
MAXIMUM
SECURITY
PRISON.**



**Clint Barton,
a.k.a. Hawkeye.
Awaiting trial
for murder.**

WHY ARE
YOU HERE,
CAROL?

YOU JUST
GONNA GIVE ME
THE STINKEYE LIKE
THE MATRON AT THE
ORPHANAGE. OR
ARE YOU MAYBE
GONNA SAY
SOMETHING?



YOU WANT
ME TO SAY
SOMETHING?

FINE.



WHAT
THE HELL
WERE YOU
THINKING?



YOU REALLY WANT TO DO THIS AGAIN? OKAY.

HE WAS ABOUT TO HULK OUT. I SAW HIS EYE--

TURN GREEN. I KNOW, SOMETHING NO ONE ELSE SAW, BUT YOU, WITH YOUR KEEN NORMAL HUMAN VISION, KNEW BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT.



YOU'RE RIGHT. I DON'T HAVE POWERS. I'M JUST A GUY.

THE GUY WHO STANDS THERE TAKING FIRE FROM AN ALIEN BATTLESHIP, NOT TWITCHING A MUSCLE, WAITING FOR THAT ONE PERFECT SHOT.

YOU REALLY THINK I CRACKED UNDER PRESSURE?



"YOU SAW ULYSSES' VISION. EXPERIENCED IT. WE ALL DID. THE HULK WAS GOING TO SLAUGHTER US."

"THIS WAS EXACTLY THE KIND OF SITUATION BRUCE HAD IN MIND WHEN HE GAVE ME THAT ARROWHEAD AND ASKED ME TO BE READY."




THE VISION TOOK PLACE IN MANHATTAN. WE WERE IN UTAH...TO STOP IT FROM HAPPENING, NOT KILL OUR FRIEND! YOU WENT AGAINST EVERYTHING WE'RE ABOUT!

THE HULK'S SURVIVED NUKES. HE STARTS TO CHANGE, EVEN A HULK-KILLER ARROW DESIGNED BY BRUCE BANNER MIGHT NOT DO THE JOB.

I HESITATE. ANYONE HE MURDERS--US, CIVILIANS, FIRST RESPONDERS--IS ON US, ON ME, BUT THIS ISN'T REALLY ABOUT ME, IS IT?




YOU HAVING DOUBTS, CAROL?



I...I BELIEVE IN THIS. MORE THAN I CAN SAY, AND IT'S WORKING.

IT'S HARD TO COUNT THE NUMBER OF LIVES WE'VE SAVED, THANKS TO ULYSSES. CONSERVATIVELY, IT'S IN THE THOUSANDS.

THIS IS WHAT RHODEY WANTED. WHAT HE FOUGHT AND DIED FOR. WE'RE DOING IT.




BUT EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY DAY, PEOPLE ARE ON MY ASS.

"WHY'D YOU DO THIS? WHY DIDN'T YOU DO THAT? I DON'T WANT YOU MESSING WITH FATE, BUT OH, A BUS FULL OF SCHOOLKIDS GOING OFF A BRIDGE ISN'T A GOOD THING EITHER."

I AM BREAKING MY BACK TO DO THIS PROPERLY, ASKING EVERY QUESTION I CAN THINK OF. SECOND-GUESSING EVERY MOVE.


WHILE AN ARMY OF ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACKS SAYS I'M DOING IT TOO SLOW, OR TOO FAST, OR JUST PLAIN WRONG.



BUT I CAN HANDLE THAT. IT COMES WITH THE JOB.

WHAT'S HARDEST...IS NOW THAT RHODEY'S GONE, THERE'S NO ONE I CAN TALK TO ABOUT IT.

EXCEPT YOU, APPARENTLY. THE GUY WHO UNDERMINED EVERYTHING I'M TRYING TO DO. THE POSTER BOY FOR HOW NOT TO DO IT.



COME ON. I BET THERE ARE PLENTY OF FOLKS WHO'D LEND AN EAR.

OH, SURE. LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS THEN.



I TALK TO ANYONE ON TONY'S SIDE, IT'S AN ADMISSION I'M WRONG. ON MY SIDE, IT'S WORSE.

YOU KNOW ME, MARVEL? THE TEENAGE KID?



YEAH.
SPUNKY. I
LIKE HER.



ME TOO.
AND SHE
IDOLIZES
ME.

THE IDEA
OF HOLDING PEOPLE
RESPONSIBLE FOR
THINGS THEY MIGHT'VE
ONLY THOUGHT ABOUT
MAKES HER
NERVOUS.



MAKES ME NERVOUS, TOO.
I'M CONFIDENT WE CAN
CORRECT FOR IT, HANDLE
IT RIGHT. BUT IT'S
A BUMP.

THING IS,
IF I ADMIT THAT TO
HER, AND SHE LOSES
CONFIDENCE--STARTS
SECOND-GUESSING
OUR MISSION IN THE
FIELD--MAYBE SHE
GETS KILLED.

ANOTHER
DEATH TONY
CAN LAY AT MY FEET,
NEXT TO RHODEY
AND BRUCE. AND
THIS TIME, HE'D
BE RIGHT.



I REALLY
BELIEVE THIS
IS THE BEST TOOL
WE'VE EVER HAD, THE
MISSION WE *EXIST*
FOR. BUT DAMN
YOU, CLINT...

...YOU MAKE
ME WONDER IF
IT CAN REALLY
WORK.



WELL,
STOP.

YOU THINK
I DID IT WRONG?
PROVE IT. GO DO
IT *RIGHT*. 'CAUSE,
CAROL...YOU'RE
PROBABLY THE
ONLY ONE
WHO CAN.



END OF THE
DAY, WHETHER THEY
LOVE YOU OR HATE
YOU, ALL THE NOISE
GOES AWAY.

AND ALL
THAT REALLY
MATTERS IS IF YOU
CAN LIVE WITH
YOURSELF.





OKAY, ULYSSES SAW A HUGE PULSE OF ENERGY TAKE OUT SEVERAL BLOCKS.

IDENTIFYING DETAILS POINT TO VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA. NAME ON THE MAILBOX AT THE EPICENTER IS "CADWALL."

THIS IS STEWART CADWALL, A TV WRITER WHO GOT TURNED INTO A CRIMINAL CALLED THUNDERSWORD BY A COSMIC NUTJOB NAMED THE BEYONDER.



THUNDERSWORD WAS IMMENSELY POWERFUL. WE GOT LUCKY...THE WORST HE DID WAS TEAR UP SOME STUDIOS WHO GAVE HIM NOTES HE DIDN'T LIKE.

COLONEL JAMES RHODES, THE ACTING IRON MAN AT THE TIME, ONLY BARELY STOPPED HIM BY CHANNELING THE ENERGY OF A NUCLEAR REACTOR.

NOW CADWALL'S ON PAROLE. WE THOUGHT HE'D LOST HIS POWERS LONG AGO, BUT IF THEY'RE BACK, HE'S A DEADLY THREAT.



OUR SATELLITES CONFIRM AN ANOMALOUS ENERGY SIGNATURE IN THE CADWALL HOME.

ULYSSES SAID THE DISASTER HAPPENS EARLY IN THE MORNING. WE'VE GOT TIME, BUT NOT A LOT.

WE'RE DOING THIS BY THE BOOK. LOCAL SWAT'S BEEN NOTIFIED. THEY'RE QUIETLY EVACUATING THE NEIGHBORS AND STANDING BY TO BACK US UP.



SO IF THERE AREN'T ANY QUESTIONS...

...LET'S GO SHUT THIS DOWN.

VAN NUYS,
CALIFORNIA.







I FOUND THIS IN THE GARAGE. UNNATURAL ENERGY IS BUILDING UP WITHIN IT. BUT IT HASN'T YET REACHED DANGEROUS LEVELS

THAT'S AN AWARD HE GOT. THE BEYONDER TURNED IT INTO HIS SWORD...IT'S WHERE THUNDERSWORD'S POWERS CAME FROM.



STEWART CADWALL, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR PAROLE VIOLATION.

YOU TOLD THE POLICE YOU LOST YOUR SWORD WHEN YOU FOUGHT IRON MAN. WHY WERE YOU HIDING THIS? WHAT WERE YOU PLANNING?

NOTHING! I SWEAR. I THOUGHT ALL ITS POWER WAS GONE! I--I JUST--



AFTER WHAT I DID, MY CAREER WAS OVER. I TEND BAR NOW. I ONLY...

...I WANTED TO REMEMBER PEOPLE USED TO THINK I WAS GOOD AT SOMETHING...



WAIT! WHERE ARE YOU TAKING MY HUSBAND?

STAY HERE, MA'AM. SOMEONE WILL BE IN TOUCH.

MY HOUSE! MY KIDS! I--I HAVE TO GO TO WORK IN THE MORNING! HE WATCHES THEM!



WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW?

I DRAINED ALL THE ENERGY FROM THE AWARD PERSONALLY. IT'S NO LONGER A THREAT.

YOU CAN'T BE SURE.

ACTUALLY, I CAN. THAT'S HOW MY POWERS WORK, ANYWAY. I'M TAKING IT TO ALPHA FLIGHT STATION FOR STORAGE IN A DAMPER FIELD, SO IT WON'T ACTIVATE IN THE FUTURE.

CADWALL MADE A MISTAKE. BUT HE DIDN'T HAVE MALICIOUS INTENT. HE DOESN'T BELONG IN PRISON.

NOT MY CALL. NOT YOURS EITHER. YOU WANT TO TAKE IT UP WITH THE PAROLE BOARD AT HIS HEARING. BE MY GUEST.

I WILL. BUT THAT'S WEEKS AWAY. HE HAS FAMILY. A JOB...AND HE'S BEING HELD UNDER A SEVEN FIGURE BAIL! HE CAN'T AFFORD--

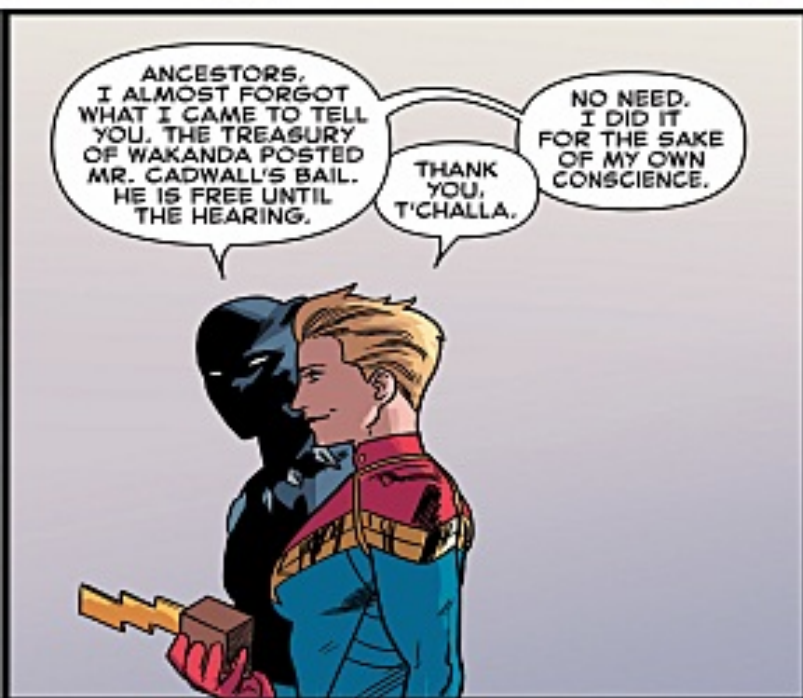
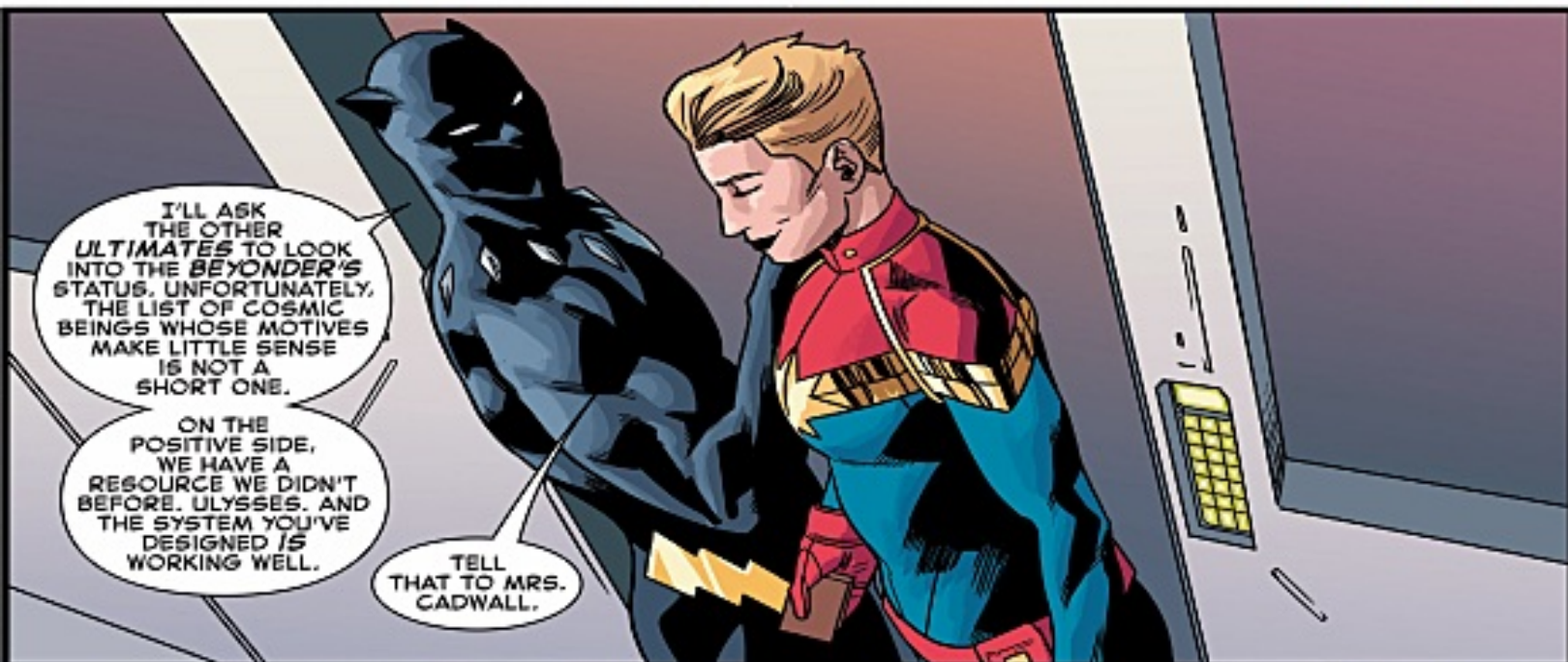
I'M BUSY, DANVERS. WHEN YOU THINK OF SOMETHING THAT'S MY PROBLEM. CALL MY SECRETARY.

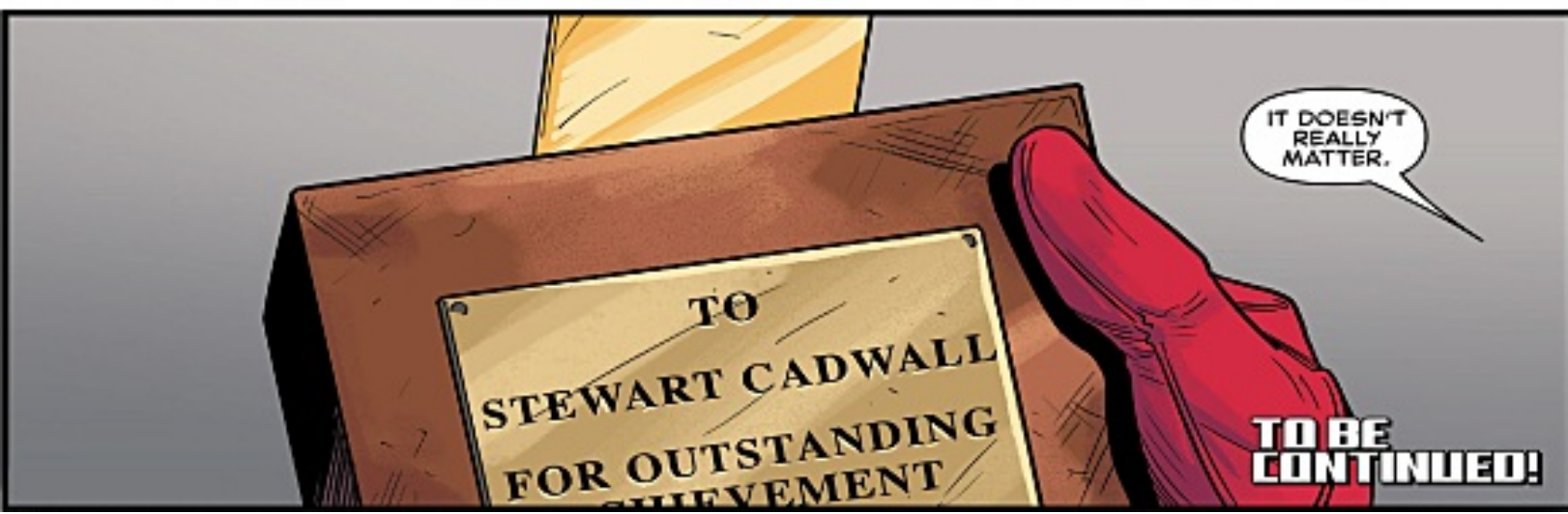
CONGRATULATIONS. BY THE WAY...AFTER YOUR LAST FEW WINS, WE'VE GOT COUNTRIES LINING UP TO SHARE THEIR INTEL WITH US. GOOD WORK. GYRICH OUT.

DAMN IT!

BAD TIME?

KRUNCH





NEXT:

CAPTAIN MARVEL 9



CIVIL
WAR II

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